

I am writing in regard to Sinclair Broadcasting Corporation's announced plan to compel its affiliated stations to air a documentary presenting presidential candidate John Kerry's actions in 1971 in a very negative manner.

We do not live in one of Sinclair Broadcasting's market areas. However, we do travel to at least one of these market areas on a regular basis and watch television at these times. We would also, of course, be impacted should this documentary effect voters in the company's broadcast areas.

As I understand from the Reuter's story describing the documentary, it presents John Kerry as directly contributing to the suffering of American POWs during the Vietnam war. The combination of this reported "plot line" and the compulsory showing without offering equal free airtime a major contribution to the presidential campaign of George W. Bush. My lay person's understanding of the regulations governing the political actions of television stations and the corporations which own says this is action the FCC should halt or require some type of equivalent air time for the Kerry campaign.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Hank Werner